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(57) Abstract: Particles of edible fat are precrystallised at edible fat and are blended with an aqueous ice cream precursor phase in the presence of at least one emulsifier to form a dispersion. The precrystallised particles of edible fat each contain a multiplicity of individual crystals. The resulting dispersion is gasified and frozen so as to form an ice cream. The precrystallisation is preferably performed cryogenically.